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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 25, 2007, in connection with the above identified application.

While the Official Action is a restriction requirement, the Official Action also sets forth an objection to the drawings. The Official Action urges that the drawings are objected to because they do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Official Action urges that the drawings do not show the "spring" recited in claim 1.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that a "spring" is not recited in claim 1. Applicants therefore fail to see how the drawings of the present application do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Turning now to the restriction requirement, it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention,

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which includes claims 1-5, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In addition, Applicants are further required to elect a single disclosed species for search purposes. Applicants elect species A, directed to Figures 3A-3G, of which claims 1-5 are readable thereon.

In view of the election of the Group I invention and the single disclosed species, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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